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The FBI connects this with the Odio story in every way but fails to have even a glimmer of the readily-available fact, including what it could never have overlooked. This guy was a gun merchant, as they must have known. There are other John Martins who had to be of interest, and they did not even mention them to say this is not one. Example: Marina's shepherd, Ruby's lawyer, Castro's prisoner-writer-Dallas speaker. Incidently, he was at this time in Dallas, having spoken there 10/1 His origin is not indicated, his business, his phone(s), the kind of help Sylvia sought (guns), whether she had ever sent him customers, people looking for help, etc.

This is not even a barely adequate cover report. It is like those in New Orleans by Wall, woefully inadequate for even the pretense of an investigation. It indicates to me that by this time the FBI was consciously covering in this story, which may explain the delay in seeing Odio. However, with the report of the day before of the Odio interview not mentioning Martin, there seems to have been no reason for knowing about Martin or asking him what is hidden from the Odio report.

Hosty (the lone agent on this one) had no interest in dates, yet the indefiniteness of the Odio story required interest in dates. We do not know whether there is earlier data on Martin (and on a gun merchant are we to presume there wasn't?), how Hosty spoke to him, whether he had known him earlier or whether anyone in the FBI did (which is more than likely). In short, this, too, demands further interest in both the content of the story and the FBI's handling of it.